

# **STATE AND LOCAL PERMITTING ISSUES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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## **RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT ISSUES**

- **Visual impacts**
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- **Project type issues**

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## **Biomass power plant finds wood to burn**

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The company that wants to build a controversial wood-burning power plant near Shelton has signed a fuel-supply contract with Mason County's largest private timberland owner - Green Diamond Resource Co.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed, but Adage spokesman Tom DePonty said the agreement should provide about 20 percent of the 604,000 tons of wood debris the company needs to power its plant each year.

It is the first fuel-supply contract signed by Adage and a forest landowner for the \$250 million project.

"We are a key step closer to delivering the jobs and renewable-energy potential of forest energy in Mason County," Adage President Reed Wills said in a statement Thursday night.

The project has been a hot topic in Mason County for months, with opponents critical of air pollution, truck traffic and noise from the plant and supporters touting the jobs, renewable energy and tax revenue it would generate.

# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

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